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AMCONSUL LUANDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CABINDAN INDEPENDENCE REPRESENTATIVES

1. ON SEPT 9, TWO MEN, MR. JOSE BASTOS AND MR. FRANCISCO LUBATA, MET WITH DCM. BASTOS, A STUDENT, CLAIMED TO BE EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE OF CABINDAN POLITICAL GROUP (FLEC) WHICH WANTED ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE FOR CABINDA. THEY SAID ANGOLA WOULD BECOME INDEPENDENT NEXT FEW YEARS BUT THEIR GROUP WISHED CABINDA TO BECOME INDEPENDENT AND NOT BE PART OF INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO THEM AMPLE CABINDAN OIL REVENUES DUE TO OIL DISCOVERIES BY GULF SHOULD BE USED TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT CABINDA AND IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS ON ISLAND RATHER THAN BEING PRINCIPAL SOURCE REVENUE OF AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. THEY CLAIMED "WESTERN COUNTRIES" PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO CABINDA WHILE BRAZZAVILLE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT SERVED AS CONDUIT FOR RUSSIANS AND PRC TO GIVE NATIVE CABINDANS EDUCATION IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THEY CLAIMED DESIRE ALERT REPRESENTATIVE US GOVERNMENT TO THIS SITUATION AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT UNLESS THEIR GROUP RECEIVED "MORAL SUPPORT" FROM WEST AND ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING

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TO A CADRE OF CABINDANS WHO COULD GOVERN AN INDEPENDENT

CABINDA IN ASSOCIATION WITH WEST THAT CABINDA EVENTUALLY WOULD BE GOVERNED BY COMMUNISTS WHO WOULD NATIONALIZE OIL FIELDS AND DEPRIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES OF SIGNIFICANT SOURCE PETROLEUM.

2. BOTH ASKED THAT THEIR VIEWS BE KEPT IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND SAID THAT EMBASSY KINSHASA AND CONGEN LUANDA COULD CONFIRM THAT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT CABINDAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT WHICH STRONGLY DESIRED WESTERN NON-COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION. BOTH MEN SPOKE FRENCH AND SEEMED QUITE REASONABLE BUT EXPRESSED FEAR ABOUT CONTACT WITH EMBASSY BECOMING KNOWN.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY EVALUATING SIGNIFICANCE THIS APPROACH BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSES AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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